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Sir:

On November 7, 2005, Applicant submitted a Communication regarding the submission of the Certified Copies of New Zealand priority applications Nos. 514184, 508218, 505154, 505155, 509039, 508433, 505156 and 508219. Applicant notes that the afore-mentioned Communication is posted as being received on the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) website, copy enclosed as Exhibit A. Although the USPTO acknowledges the priority documents on their website, copy enclosed as Exhibit B, as of the date of this "Communication Regarding Acknowledgment of Priority Documents", Applicant has not received paper correspondence from the United States Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging Applicants claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 as being completed. The purpose of this communication is to ensure that an acknowledgment of the documents has not been misdirected in the mail and, if no acknowledgment has been forwarded, Applicant requests that one be sent.

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